

**IL HIE Advisory Committee
Behavioral Health Work Group
Meeting Notes
February 7, 2013**

Attendees (all by phone)

Mark Chudzinski, Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT)
Dia Cirillo, Office of Health Information Technology
Eric Foster, Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association
Quincy Grimes, Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Jim Hobbs, Department of Human Services (DHS)
Marvin Lindsey, Community Behavioral Health Association of Illinois
Emily Miller, Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
Rick Nance, Department of Human Services
Meryl Sosa
Lora Thomas, NAMI
Steve Vanderpoel, Chicago Children's Center for Behavioral Health

Review of Minutes

The meeting minutes from December 6th and January 10th were approved.

Illinois Health Information Exchange (ILHIE) Advisory Committee and OHIT Update

Dia Cirillo reported that the next ILHIE Advisory Committee meeting will be held on March 5th at the Thompson Center in room 2-025 at 1:00 pm. The use cases submitted to the committee from this work group are being reviewed.

Dia updated the group saying that the mental health legislation has been filed. A Behavioral Health (BH) newsletter was sent out. OHIT is holding a series of educational webinars. The first is on February 14th in which Dia will give an overview of the findings and accomplishments of the Behavioral Health Integration Project (BHIP). Starting on February 28th, webinars on three of the BHIP grantees use cases will be done.

Dia and **Marvin Lindsey** attended a detoxification conference. Many of the attendees had heard of the ILHIE Direct Secure Messaging but only one was registered. Marvin reported that many other BH providers signed up for ILHIE Direct but are not using it like they could be. Marvin discussed what the next steps are for this work group to educate providers about the benefits of using ILHIE Direct. **Eric Foster** said that it would be very helpful if the providers knew what other providers are registered for ILHIE Direct. Eric commented that providers know about the service but as with anything new, it will take time for providers to see the benefits and how it can be used for different situations. **Meryl Sosa** suggested that more educational materials be developed. Training for providers for ILHIE Direct was discussed.

Behavioral Health Integration Project (BHIP) Update

- **BHIP Resource Webpage**
- **Mental Health Confidentiality Legislation**
 - **SB 1186 – Steans; HB 1017 – Feigenholtz**

Marvin Lindsey discussed adding a resource page to the BHIP website. Marvin asked this group to let him know of any suggestions for resources to include on the webpage that would be useful to providers. **Eric Foster** said that information on building the business case for projects would be useful. The amount of money and time saved should be pointed out which will get providers attention.

Mark Chudzinski briefly described what the mental health bill is about saying that it creates an HIE exception that allows providers to send data electronically through the HIE without the necessity of getting a patient's consent but with an obligation to offer the patient an opportunity to opt out of the HIE system based on a meaningful disclosure of what the HIE is, what it means, and what the opt out revocation rights are. It is viewed as an additional important means by which to improve care coordination and to give patients who want the benefits of an HIE to be able to get them.

Additional endorsers of the legislation include the Illinois Alcohol Drug and Dependence Association, Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, the Illinois Hospital Association, the Illinois Psychiatric Society and the Illinois State Medical Society. Similar efforts regarding the AIDS Confidentiality Act are being discussed.

Committee's Next Steps

Marvin said that when this work group began, various issues were presented to the advisory committee including the legislation and confidentiality issue, data standardization, and financial issues. Marvin asked the group to let him know what the next steps are to make sure that BH information is included in the HIE.

Meeting adjourned. The next call is scheduled on April 4th.